My wife and I are Connecticut citizens who since our marriage in 1966 have used wood to heat our homes. Not only is it a renewable resource, it is cheaper than oil, gas or electricity. We have had a outdoor furnace for nine years prior to that we used three wood stoves. We burn nothing but seasoned wood and meet all requirements for the outdoor furnaces. As a past–fire chief and still an active member of the Griswold Fire Dept. the outdoor wood furnaces are the safest device to use as heat. There is not a fire in the home or chance for carbon monoxide. We do have a farm and most likely would be exempt from this bill, also due to the fact that we have had the furnace prior to July of 2005. We are against this bill not only because of our right to burn wood but because our country is too dependent on foreign oil. We strongly feel lawmakers should oppose Bill No. 830.

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